Entry of multinational in the country

*57. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new policy to permit the easy entry of multinationals in the country in order to take benefit of new technology; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Foreign direct investment is welcome so as to accelerate the tempo of development, upgrade technologies and to promote exports. Government intend to remove obstacles that come in the way of allowing foreign investment on sizeable scale. With this end in view, Government are considering a number of measures. They will be announced as soon as they are finalised.

Rise in Prices of Palm Oil

@*58. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item entitled "Indonesia ready for palm oil cooperation" appearing in Economic Times, New Delhi, dated 11th June, 1991, stating that Indonesia, the second biggest producer of palm oil, is planning to cooperate with Malayasia, the number one producer in the International Marketing of palm oil to realise better prices for palm oil growers in Indonesia and Malayasia, particularly to ensure that international palm oil prices remained above that of soya bean oil prices;

(b) whether Government made any study on the likely impact of such a cartel amongst the major exporting countries;

(c) whether Government propose to consider Market Intervention Agency, such as NDDB to contract supplies on the pattern of inter-cooperative coordination to thwart edible oil producer cartel's efforts to jack up prices; and

(d) if not, what contingency measures are being planned to overcome the cartel's efforts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Indonesia's share of World exports of Palm Oil is around 10 per cent. The response of Malaysia to the Indonesian proposals is not known. Market forces are still likely to continue to determine prices, based on overall global supply and demand of not only Palm Oil but also other edible oils like Soyabean Oil, Rapeseed Oil, etc. Government are keeping a close watch on the developments for taking appropriate steps to ensure efficient and economic import procurement as and when necessary.

मानव अंगों का व्यापार

*59. **डा० अब्रार अहमद** : क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री 7 जनवरी, 1991 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1212 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मानव अंगों के व्यापार को विनियमित करने के लिए व्यापक विधेयक संसद में कब तक लाये जाने का विचार है ;

(ख) यदि संसद के वर्तमान सत्र में उक्त विधेयक लाये जाने का कोई विचार नहीं है, तो इसमें विलंब के क्या कारण हैं ; और

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